

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome each and every opportunity to acknowledge individuals who have maintained close contact and family ties with the Show-Me State down through the years; and

**Whereas**, Raymond Ruestman was born on July 1, 1919; enjoyed a childhood filled with rewarding experiences; and married his beloved Helen to begin a family of his own which would grow to include four children, Bonnie Branz, Cheryl Mucci, Pattie Ruestman, and Bill Ruestman; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now a retired farmer, Raymond Ruestman was inducted into the Army Air Corps in October 1940 at the age of twenty-one and was given an honorable discharge in December 1945 at the age of twenty-six and the rank of Captain; and

**Whereas**, Raymond Ruestman began his career in the Army Air Corps as a Private who would rise to Technical Sergeant before attending flying school, being promoted to First Lieutenant, and joining Group 967 of Squadron 7095; and

**Whereas**, in addition to the joys of piloting the AT-6, P-39, P-40, B-17, and B-29 aircraft, Raymond Ruestman had the distinct pleasure of testing and demonstrating the capacity of the B-29 landing with General Curtis Lamay, Chief of Pacific Operations in World War II; and

**Whereas**, Raymond Ruestman had other flight adventures, such as flying under the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California; he also applied his low-level flying skills in beneficial ways when he joined in some pioneer dusting methods to help eradicate agriculture insects:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life enjoyed so thoroughly by Raymond Ruestman and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his many World War II exploits and his subsequent success as a farmer in civilian life; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Raymond Ruestman of Flanagan, Illinois.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Marilyn Ruestman  
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker